

Job Lesson 5 | Job 28 | 6/30/13

- Looking for wisdom in the right and wrong places.
 - Today we are going to talk about wisdom specifically the true wisdom that is revealed to us from God.
 - When we think of the world, who does it turn to for wisdom?
 - Does the world see it as just knowledge, like who has the most degrees?
 - Perhaps celebrities?
 - Oprah?
 - Self-help books?
 - Or perhaps science?
 - Personally I go to Yoda ☺
 - The world looks for what it thinks is true wisdom in all the wrong places.
 - Wisdom of Job's friends.
 - After reading the 3 speeches from Job's friends we can see that human wisdom has failed.
 - Even though they may have been grey haired they were still relying on their human wisdom in deciding on Job's problems. They concluded that he had severely sinned against God.
 - However there wisdom was foolish.
 - They had knowledge but did not apply it appropriately
 - Wisdom of God.
 - Job knew where true wisdom came from, and that is from God not man.
 - **And what is our primary source of God's wisdom? The Bible.**
 - Remember what Job thought of the word of God?
 - Job 23:12:b
 - "I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily food"
 - Job understood that the word of God which was nourishment for his soul was more important than food for his mortal body.
 - The word of God is true wisdom and it is readily available to us anytime we want to read it.
 - Today we are going to see that true wisdom comes from divine revelation which comes often when we study the Bible and pray.
- True wisdom cannot be found like precious metals, it is revealed by God (Job 28:1-12)
 - **Read Job 28:1-12**
 - This chapter opens with Job giving us a detailed description of the difficulty and the lengths that miners went through to find precious metals like Gold and silver.
 - He describes them cutting into rock and going where light does not shine where animals have never ventured.
 - You see man can work very hard to discover the precious stones that exist on the earth and to discover all of its other geological wonders.
 - **BUT man can never work hard enough (on his own) to find wisdom.**
 - You see wisdom cannot be found buried in the earth it can only be given or revealed to us by God.
 - 2 Timothy 3:14-17
 - "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, and you know that from childhood you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation

through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

- You see the wisdom that God gives us from reading the scripture will make us complete. There isn't anything more we would need to know,
- God reveals his wisdom to us through the scriptures so that we can be complete.
 - It doesn't say turn to Oprah or a self-help book on finding your inner self. But to simply immerse yourself in God's word and also be in prayer.
- **What is Wisdom?**
 - **"Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge"**
 - **You can have lots of knowledge but if you cannot apply it correctly what good is it.**
 - The Bible not only gives us plenty of knowledge but God in the process will give us the wisdom of how to apply this knowledge.
 - Wisdom is required to correctly apply the knowledge
 - For example a person could memorize the entire Bible, word for word. Go on the Jeff Foxworthy Bible trivia show.
 - But that person could still be lost.
 - It requires a relationship with God where he calls you and you listen and obey him. Being a Christian is not scripture memorization, it requires the use of your heart.
- Finding wisdom the scientific way
 - The world (when not using God as a source), tries to find wisdom from everything that God has made. Or trying to find the source of life based on what he can see and touch.
 - Man looks through space to find the "God particle" that science says started life billions and billions of years ago.
 - But you see man can never find the answers to these things without the divine revelation from God.
 - Sure we can become much more knowledgeable of the world that God has created; we can be proficient in mathematics, biology and science.
 - But true knowledge and wisdom come from God.
 - Proverbs 2:6
 - "For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding"
 - The source of life is not going to be found under a microscope or by finding the Higgs-Boson in the "Large Hadron Collider" in Switzerland.
 - The source of all life has been quite simply stated to us in Genesis
 - "Genesis 1:1-3
 - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light"
 - Now one thing we can learn from looking at the world that God has given us, is that this is proof of his handwork.
 - Psalms 19:1-4

- “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of his hands. Day after day they pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge. There is no speech; there are no words; their voice is not heard. Their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. “
- The work of God simply speaks for itself not with a literal voice but simply their glorious beauty and splendor.
- You see science tries to take it too far, you see proof that God exists is all around us, all of God’s creation is not by accident but by intelligent design.
 - The sky and space (the final frontier) all proclaim the work of God.
 - **Planetarium Example**
 - Magnificent view
 - Science says by chance the different moons were created billions of years ago.
 - I saw God at work.
 - **There is no way that randomness created our world, created life.**
 - **There is no way that randomness created intelligent beings that then were capable of intelligent design.**
 - **Carl Sagan stated “The cosmos is all that is or ever was or ever will be”**
 - **We are made of star stuff**
 - **Randomness does not create intelligence**
 - **Science**
 - **Randomness→Intelligent beings→Intelligent design**
 - **What do you think?**
- We are told to be careful that no one takes us captive with philosophy and elemental forces.
 - Colossians 2:8
 - “Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elemental forces of the world, and not based on Christ”
 - We are warned of this because the wisdom of the world can be used as an instrument to draw us away from Christ.
 - For example are the miracles in the Bible scientifically accurate or provable?
 - What about miracles like when Jesus fed the 5000
 - Is there scientific method that if you break bread and fish at a certain angle that it will multiply?
 - When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead
 - I think the resurrection stone was just based on a movie lol!
 - When the foundation of Christianity is based off the fact that Jesus rose from the grave and was the son of God?
 - Our entire faith is based on things that happened that cannot be made perfectly clear by worldly standards or scientifically proven.
 - But yet we believe and we have faith.
 - **Do you think for example that Science can be used to deceive someone about God? Or our savior Jesus Christ?**
- You see God was pleased that we are saved by the cross.

- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 - To the lost the cross is foolishness, but to us who hear the call of God we understand its power and it is anything but foolishness.
 - The lost see the Bible as fairy tales yet it is the ONLY true wisdom.
 - Where are the wise of the world? God has made their earthly wisdom foolish.
 - What the world may seem is foolish of God because the wisdom of his plan is not seen and God has not revealed it to them it is wiser than human wisdom
 - People try so hard to find the answer to some of life's biggest questions.
 - How were we created?
 - What is our purpose?
 - How many licks does it take to get to the center of a tootsie roll pop!
 - Yet the world looks for understanding and wisdom in all the wrong places, they turn to science they turn to their inner-self, they look under every nook and cranny of God's creation yet they answer eludes them....because they are not turning to God for him to give them understanding and wisdom.
 - They look to creation for wisdom and not the creator.
 - Scripture makes it clear that God is the source of true wisdom; he is the RIGHT place to look. He will give us wisdom by simply asking.
 - James 1:5
 - "Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him."
 - **Again what are our best methods of communicating with God?**
 - Prayer
 - Reading the scriptures.
 - Through reading our Bible and being in prayer with God is our spiritual life line.
 - This is where God provides us wisdom and understating.
 - **What wisdom has God given you through prayer and reading the scriptures?**
 - **Have you seen the non-believer search and search for wisdom or the truth only to come up empty handed?**
 - Aristotle
 - Plato
 - **Being a Christian do you find yourself looking for wisdom in the wrong places? What makes us want to turn to "the world" before God?**
 - **IF we know at wisdom comes from God and it is revealed to us when we read the scripture and pray, shouldn't we then fully understating this spend a whole lot more time in prayer?**
 - **Reading our Bible?**
- Wisdom's Value (Job 28:13-19)
 - **Read Job 28:13-19**
 - Wisdom cannot be found in the land of the living.
 - The world does not contain wisdom it cannot be found here.
 - This is a reason why it is so valuable, because it cannot be found here.
 - Just as we discussed in the beginning, it cannot be dug out of the ground.
 - It is found in a heavenly place from a heavenly being.
 - Job makes it clear that you cannot put a monetary value on wisdom
 - The price of wisdom is not able to be measured, it doesn't matter how wealthy you may be you could never buy Wisdom.
 - Wisdom is worth far more than all the riches of the earth.

- This is something that King Solomon knew as well, God came to him in a dream and asked him what he wanted, wisdom is what Solomon chose.
 - 1 Kings 3:5-12
 - Solomon was in some since given a wish what do you want? Solomon chose the item of greatest value which was wisdom.
- **If we look at the world it would seem that wisdom is not as important as material possessions.** It would seem that the common person given a choice between a million dollars and true wisdom would take the money.
- The world desires to be fulfilled with the things of this world that are temporary, while a wise person will want wisdom from God that feeds the soul for an eternity.
 - Being 33 years old I believe that I finally understand this that wisdom is more valuable than wealth. If God came to me like he did Solomon I can honestly say that is what I would want.
 - Now if you had asked me this when I was 23, I think I would have chosen wealth.
 - What has changed in the last 10 years? My walk with Christ is much closer and I have spent more time in prayer and in God's word. AMAZING!!
 - It's as if I'm spiritually growing by reading God's word WOW what a concept!
- Seeking God's wisdom should be a priority in our life.
 - Since we know that wisdom is more valuable than anything else it should be set as a priority over everything else.
 - Is it more important that we read God's word and pray to God to gain wisdom and understanding? OR do we put the world as a priority, whether it is accumulating stuff or simply filling all our time with being "entertained".
- **Ask yourself which of these is more important, examine your life then see where your priorities are.**
- **What can we do to make reading God's word and being in prayer a priority in our lives?**
- To fear the Lord is wisdom (Job 28:20-28)
 - **Read Job 28:20-28**
 - God alone has true wisdom, we can only receive it by being in a relationship with God and then by his divine revelation.
 - God is the creator of the universe he is intimately aware of the wind the oceans and the lightning and the rain. There is nothing God is not aware of.
 - The fear of the Lord is wisdom
 - The fear of the Lord is also the beginning of knowledge
 - Proverbs 1:7
 - "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."
 - Real true wisdom is revealed when we honor God, when we give ourselves over in complete submission.
 - We cannot ever fully understand God, science given another thousand years is not going to be able to fully explain the ways of God.
 - True wisdom is found when we truly devote ourselves to God, we believe that everything he says and does is right. We have faith and belief even if we cannot see it.
 - **If you do not fear God, by showing him respect, honor and giving yourself over in complete submission. How can he begin to show you true knowledge?**
 - True wisdom for living is found in walking faithfully with the Lord throughout life, not in having every question answered.